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METHOD FOR STABILIZING ARYLCARBOXYLIC
ACID, STABILIZER THEREOF AND AQUEOUS
SOLUTION CONTAINING STABILIZED
ARYLCARBOXYLIC ACID

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Respectfully submitted,

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